

There is an old saying that "all news is local," insofar as just about every event or interaction has an impact on everybody. When the FCC has talked about the quantity of "voices", it has generally been defined as communications channels. But the problem is that non-local channel (e.g. cable networks, over-the-air networks in primetime, and even satellite syndicated radio stations) do NOT provide "local" voices. It seems that ANY concern for media ownership concentration MUST take into account the number of LOCAL INFORMATION voices. "All music" stations or even those radio stations with 5-minutes of network news, are NOT local voices to be counted.

It is my contention that any further media concentration and allowing of cross-ownership is CONTRARY to the public interest at ANY local level -- which is the level that really counts. In fact, it is MY contention that existing FCC rules allowing ownership of 6-7-8 stations in one local market should be rolled back. Just because a station or other media property exists doesn't make it a "voice;" it just makes it a "noise maker" unless it conveys REAL unbiased information and perspective, especially at the local level. Thank you for listening to my opinion.